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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6759

BILL NUMBER: HB 1159

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 24, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Jan 13, 2005

SUBJECT: Missing Endangered Seniors.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ruppel

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that a law enforcement agency that receives a notification from certain individuals concerning a missing endangered senior must prepare and forward a report concerning the missing endangered senior within five hours to: (1) other law enforcement agencies; (2) the National Crime Information Center; (3) the data and communication system; and (4) broadcasters in the area where the missing abandoned senior may be located. The bill provides that a law enforcement agency may forward the report to a newspaper. It provides civil immunity to a broadcaster or newspaper that broadcasts or publishes a senior medical alert.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill requires a law enforcement agency to prepare and forward a report concerning a missing endangered senior.

Additional Administrative Duties: The bill requires the reporting law enforcement agency to forward their report to one or more broadcasters that broadcast in the area where the missing endangered senior may be located. The bill allows the reporting agency to forward the contents of their report to one or more newspapers located in an area where the missing endangered senior may be located.

The bill requires a law enforcement agency to request that the broadcaster or newspaper notify the public that there is a senior medical alert, and broadcast or publish (a) a description of the missing person and (b) any other relevant information that would assist in locating the missing endangered senior, after forwarding a report to them.

The Indiana State Police (ISP) reports that these duties are currently being completed by the majority of law enforcement agencies. Any increase in administrative duties is likely minimal.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Police.

Local Agencies Affected:

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